UNITED STATES PLANT PATENT APPLICATION

of

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for

FLORIBUNDA ROSE PLANT NAMED

'POULCS015'

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION

Rosa hybrida

VARIETY DENOMINATION

'Poulcs015'

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The present invention constitutes a new and distinct variety of garden rose plant which originated from a controlled crossing between the female parent plant named 'POULket' which is non-patented, and the male parent plant, an un-named seedling. The two parents were crossed during the summer of 1992 and the resulting seeds were planted in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark. The new variety is named 'Poulcs015'.

The new variety may be distinguished from its female seed parent, 'POULket' by the following combination of characteristics:

- While the seed parent 'POULket' has dark pink flowers, while 'Poulcs015' has light pink flowers.
- 2. 'POULket' has a less compact growth habit
 than that of 'Poulcs015'

The new variety may be distinguished from its male pollen parent by the following combination of

25 characteristics:

- The pollen parent has a lower growing habit than 'Poulcs015'.
- 2. The pollen parent does not grow well on its own roots, while 'Poulcs015' flowers well and grows vigorously on its own roots.

The objective of the hybridization of this rose variety was to create a new and distinct variety for garden use with unique qualities, such as:

- 1. Uniform and abundant light pink flowers;
- 2. Vigorous, but compact growth when propagated both as a budded rose and on its own roots;
- 3. Disease resistance;

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4. Continuous flowering.

This combination of qualities is not present in previously available commercial cultivars of this type, known to the inventors, and distinguish 'Poulcs015' from all other varieties of which we are aware.

As part of their rose development program, L. Pernille Olesen and Mogens N. Olesen germinated the seeds from the aforementioned hybridization during winter of 1992 and conducted evaluations on the resulting seedlings in a controlled environment in Fredensborg, Denmark.

'Poulcs015' was selected in the spring 1993 by the inventors as a single plant from the progeny of the

aforementioned hybridization.

Asexual reproduction of 'Poulcs015' by traditional budding and rooted cuttings was first done by L. Pernille and Mogens N. Olesen in their nursery in Fredensborg,

Denmark in July, 1993. This initial and other subsequent asexual propagations conducted in controlled environments have demonstrated that the characteristics of 'Poulcs015' are true to type and are transmitted from one generation to the next.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color illustration shows as true as is reasonably possible to obtain in color photographs of this type, the typical characteristics of the buds, flowers, leaves, and stems, of 'Poulcs015'. Specifically illustrated in SHEET 1:

- Fig. 1.1; Open flower, stem showing cluster of open flowers, branching, and the attachment of leaves, buds, and peduncles;
- Fig 1.2; Flower bud closed, flower bud as sepals unfold, and partially open.

Specifically illustrated in SHEET 2:

Fig 2.1; Sepals, receptacle, and peduncle;

- Fig 2.2; Flower petals, detached;
- Fig 2.3; Mature leaf, and juvenile leaf exhibiting anthocyanin;
- Fig 2.4; Juvenile stem and mature stem exhibiting thorns.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

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The following is a description of 'Poulcs015', as observed in its growth in a field nursery in Jackson County, Oregon. Observed plants were 3 years of age and were cultivated on Rosa multiflora understock. Color references are made using the Royal Horticultural Society (London, England) Colour Chart, 1995, except where common terms of color are used.

For a comparison, several physical characteristics of the rose variety 'Poulasor', a rose variety from the same inventors described and illustrated in U.S. Plant Patent Application No. 10/339,871 dated 10 January, 2003, are compared to 'Poulcs015' in Chart 1.

CHART 1

	'Poulcs015'	'POULasor'
Petalage	60 petals	25 to 27 petals

Open flower:	White Group 155C with light	Red Group 55D
color, upper surface.	intonations of Red- Purple Group 73D at	
Surface.	marginal zone	
Bloom Diameter	65 mm	55 mm

FLOWER AND FLOWER BUD

Blooming habit:

Continuous.

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Size:

Upon opening, 25 mm in length

from base of receptacle to end

of bud. Flower bud diameter is

13 mm on average.

Bud form:

Pointed ovoid with very broad

base.

Bud color:

As sepals unfold, petals are

Orange Group 27B with

intonations of Red Group 50. At

1/4 opening petals are Yellow-

White Group 158C with Red Group

55B intonations.

Sepals:

Upper Surface:

25 Color: Green Group 138C with

intonations of Greyed-Red
Group 180A occurring at
apecies.

Lower Surface:

5 Color: Yellow-Green Group 144A.

Anthocyanic pigments the

color of Greyed-Red Group

181B observed.

Texture: Smooth. Stipitate glands

10 are scant.

Sepal Shape:

Sepal apex is cirrhose.

Base is flat at union with

receptacle.

15 Sepal Margin:

Margins have weak

foliaceous appendages on

three of the five sepals.

Strongly pubescent.

Size: 30 mm (1) \times 12 mm (w).

Receptacle:

Surface Texture:

Smooth and glabrous.

Shape: Funnel shaped.

Size: 8 mm (h) \times 7 mm (w).

Color:

Yellow-Green Group 144A.

Anthocyanic pigments the

color of Greyed-Red Group

181A observed.

5 Peduncle:

Surface: Smooth.

Length: 40 to 45 mm.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B

Anthocyanic pigments the

color of Greyed-Red Group

181B observed.

Strength: Strong.

Borne: In clusters of 12 flower

buds per stem.

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Flower bloom:

Fragrance: Strong floral perfumed scent.

Duration: The blooms have a duration on

the plant of approximately 10 to

14 days. Petals fall cleanly

away from plant.

Size: Flower diameter is 65 mm when

open. Flower depth is 50mm on

average.

Form:

General shape is a deep cup which retains a globular form.

Shape of flower when viewed from the side:

Upon opening, upper part:Flat.

Upon opening, lower part:Convex.

Open flower, upper part: Flat.

Open flower, lower part: Concave.

Petalage: 60 petals under normal conditions with

an average of 25 petaloids.

Color:

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Upon opening, petals:

Outermost petals:

Outer side: White Group 155C with

15 intonations of Red-Purple

Group 73B to 73C at the

marginal zone.

Inner Side: White Group 155C with very

light intonations of Red-

Purple Group 73D at the

marginal zone.

Innermost petals:

Outer side: Red-Purple Group 73C to 73B

with intonations of White

Group 155C at the basal

zone.

Yellow-White Group 158C Inner Side: with intonations of Red Group 55C at the marginal 5 zone. Upon opening, Basal Petal Spots: No distinctive coloration at the petal base observed. After opening, petals: 10 Outermost petals: White Group 155C with Red-Outer side: Purple Group 73C at the marginal zone. Inner Side: White Group 155C with light intonations of Red-Purple 15 Group 73D at the marginal zone. Innermost petals: Outer side: Red-Purple Group 73B to 73C with intonations of White 20 Group 155C at the basal zone. Inner Side: Yellow-White Group 158C

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with intonations of Red

Group 55C at the marginal

zone.

After opening, Basal Petal Spots:

No distinctive coloration

at the petal base observed.

General Tonality: On open flowers Red-Purple Group

73D to 73C with intonations of

White Group 155C. No change in

the general tonality at the end

of the 10th day.

Petals: 10

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Petal Reflex: Somewhat reflexed.

Entire and with point in center Margin:

of margin. Weak undulations of

margin observed.

Apex is rounded, occasionally 15 Shape:

with a point or cleft. Base

shape is acute.

Size:

50 mm (1) \times 38 mm (w).

Texture:

Smooth.

Thickness: 20

Average.

Arrangement:

Not Formal.

Petaloids:

Quantity: 20 to 30.

Color:

25 Upper Surface: Red-Purple Group 73D. Lower Surface: Red-Purple Group 73C.

Size: 23 mm (1)

23 mm (1) \times 10 mm (w).

Shape: Base is acute. Apex is round.

Reproductive Organs:

5 Pistils:

Length: 10 mm.

Quantity: 59 (actual count).

Pollen:

None observed.

Anthers:

10 Size: 2 mm in length.

Color: Yellow-Orange Group 14A.

Quantity: 82 (actual count).

Filaments:

Color: Yellow Group 5B

Length: 7 mm.

Stigmas: Superior relative to the

length of filaments and the

height of the anthers.

Color: Yellow-White Group 158B.

20 Styles:

Color: Green-White Group 157C.

Other Intonations:

Red-Purple Group 67A to

Greyed-Purple Group 184D.

25 Hips: None Observed in the field nursery in

Jackson County Oregon.

PLANT

Plant growth: Moderate, upright to bushy. When grown as a budded field grown plant on Rosa multiflora understock, the average height of the plant is 90 cm and the average width is 75 cm.

10 Stems:

Color:

Young wood: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

Older wood: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

Anthocyanin: New shoots and leaves,

15 Greyed-Red Group 178B.

Surface Texture:

Young wood: Smooth.

Older wood: Smooth.

Thorns:

20 Incidence: 6 thorns per 10 cm of stem.

Size: Average length: 9 mm.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 146C.

Shape: Deeply concave.

Plant foliage: Normal number of leaflets on

normal leaves in middle of the

stem: 5 leaflets.

Compound Leaf size: 170 mm (1) \times 135 mm (w).

Color:

Mature Foliage:

5 Upper surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146A.

Lower surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146C.

Juvenile foliage:

10 Upper surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146B.

Lower surface is: Yellow-Green

Group 146C.

Anthocyanin:

Location: New shoots, leaves, and

juvenile flower buds.

Color: Greyed-Red Group 178A.

Plant leaves and leaflets:

Stipules:

20 Size: 28 mm in length.

Shape: Linear with outward

extending apecies.

Quantity: 2 per compound leaf.

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144A.

25 Petiole:

Length: 40 mm.

Above:

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

Underneath: Stipitate glands observed.

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Length: 50 mm.

Above:

Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

10 Underneath:

Observations: Stipitate glands

observed.

Leaflet:

Rachis:

Size: $65 \text{ to } 75 \text{ mm} (1) \times 45 \text{ to } 57$

15 mm (w).

Edge: Serrated.

Shape: Generally ovate. Base is

rounded. Apex is

mucronate.

Thickness: Thick.

Texture: Smooth.

Arrangement: Odd pinnate.

Venation: Reticulate.

Glossiness: Moderately glossy.

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Disease resistance:

Above average resistance to mildew, rust, black spot, and Botrytis under normal growing conditions in Jackson County, Oregon.

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Cold Hardiness:

The variety 'Poulcs015' has been found to be cold tolerant to USDA Cold Hardiness Zone 6.

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